

# ILLINOIS WEATHER & CROPS



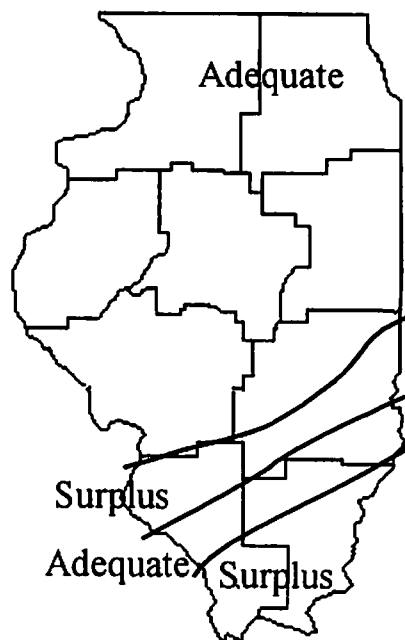
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Spring is almost here and farmers were preparing for planting last week. Fertilizer and chemicals were being spread throughout the state. Seeding of oats was 17 percent complete by March 30. This compares to ten percent last year and the five-year average of 17 percent. Sufficient hay was still available but reporters in scattered locations expressed concern about a possible shortage if spring arrived late. Pastures were beginning to green up. The condition of the winter wheat crop improved over the last month. Winter wheat was rated at 14 percent excellent, 63 percent good, 19 percent fair, two percent poor, and two percent very poor. The mild weather resulted in improved conditions for livestock. Other activities last week included vehicle maintenance, planting vegetables, and tending livestock.



Topsoil Moisture Supply  
March 28, 1997

## ILLINOIS DISTRICT SUMMARY

District	Topsoil Moisture Percent			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
As of March 28				
Northwest	-	14	80	6
Northeast	-	-	89	11
West	-	11	85	4
Central	-	3	88	9
East	-	5	85	10
W Southwest	-	4	83	13
E Southeast	-	1	51	48
Southwest	-	-	29	71
Southeast	-	-	30	70
State	-	5	70	25

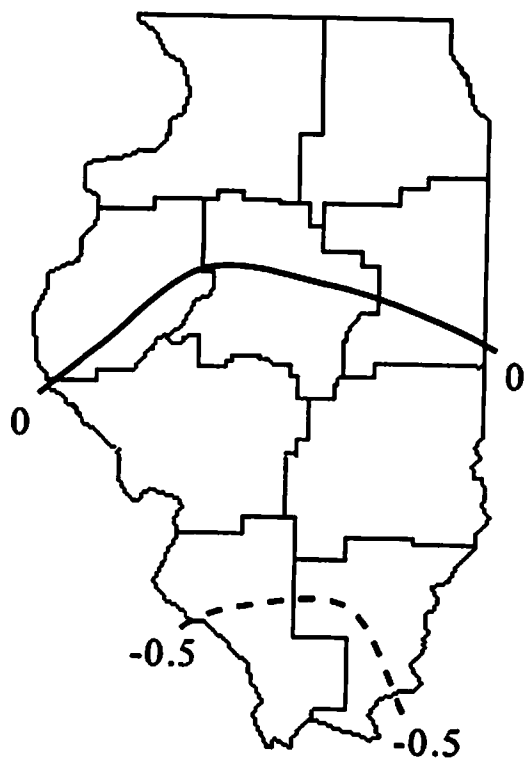
# MARCH WEATHER SUMMARY

Location	Temperature		Departure	Precipitation
	Maximum	Minimum		
Elizabeth	56	33	4.1	0.34
Rockford	55	38	6.3	0.12
Mount Carroll	56	36	5.5	N/A
Paw Paw	53	33	2.0	0.41
Moline	59	37	5.6	0.07
Kewanee	N/A	N/A		N/A
McHenry	55	36	5.6	0.71
Chicago	53	38	4.9	0.86
DeKalb	54	35	3.9	1.01
Park Forest	56	38	5.0	0.36
Peru	62	35	6.1	0.35
Monmouth	58	36	3.3	0.86
Galesburg	60	35	4.2	0.13
Bentley	60	36	2.8	0.82
Quincy	62	37	3.5	0.08
Peoria	60	37	4.4	0.18
Minonk	58	35	2.9	0.45
Farmer City	63	36	4.5	0.31
Kankakee	58	36	4.3	0.84
Pontiac	59	37	4.8	0.64
Watseka	58	37	3.9	1.05
Hoopeston	59	36	3.5	0.34
Urbana	56	36	0.6	0.30
Perry	63	37	3.5	0.62
Springfield	60	39	3.4	0.20
Morrisonville	58	38	1.0	0.23
Paris	58	37	1.2	0.43
Windsor	61	39	3.3	0.91
Newton	59	39	1.0	0.87
Brownstown	59	39	1.0	0.36
Hutsonville	59	39	1.9	0.66
Iuka	59	39	0.6	N/A
Belleville	68	43	6.7	0.65
Waterloo	65	41	3.6	0.72
DuQuoin	N/A	N/A		N/A
Carbondale	N/A	N/A		N/A
Olive Branch	N/A	N/A		N/A
Mount Vernon	N/A	N/A		N/A

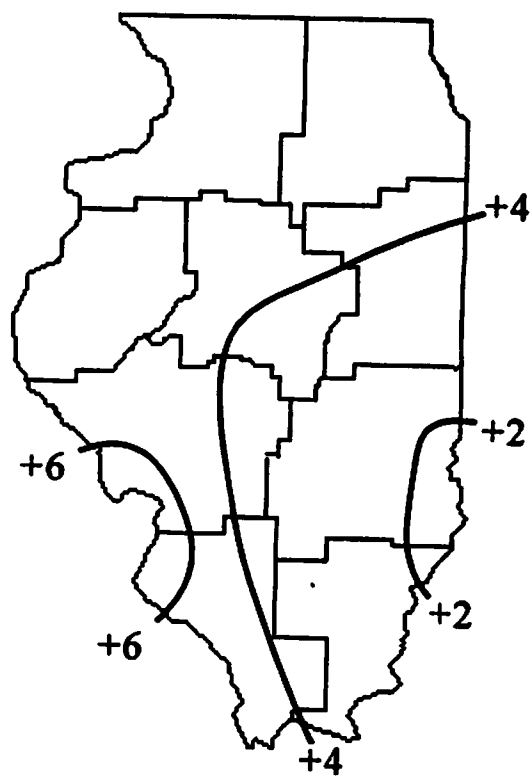
Temperature maximum and minimum are averages for the month. Departure is from the overall average for the month for the 1961-90 period. Precipitation is the total for the month.

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**MARCH WEATHER MAPS**



**Precipitation Departure (inches)**  
**March 1997**



**Temperature Departure**  
**March 1997**

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